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Rocking, Retro and Totally RAD

...Wylie Rec Revisits the '80s

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Park and Rec Month has been recognized in July since 1985, but this year, in celebration, Wylie Recreation Center will be snapping the Spandex and flashing back to the future as the awesome '80s are celebrated all July long. The activities will culminate on July 25 when the rec center gym is turned into a roller rink for Wylie Rollerama.

"July is always a special month at Wylie Recreation Center, but this year we are really stepping it up," said Recreation Supervisor Annika Sacco. "We're bringing back some of the popular activities from previous years and adding some totally boss, mondo, mega fun with an '80s flair!"

On July 10, from 3 to 4 p.m., kids 4 years and up are invited to play Frogger Dodgeball. From 5 – 9:30 p.m., it's Food Truck Friday, there are Bubble Gum Blowing Contests from 5:30 – 6 p.m., and a radical '80s Rock Out dance from 7 – 8 p.m. About 8:45 p.m., revisit Marty and friends as they zip back and forth in that time-traveling DeLorean. Isn't it time you saw "Back to the Future" again? It'll be showing for free on the big outdoor screen as Lawnchair Theater returns; bring something to sit on and money for concessions.

What did we do before Google Maps and our GPS? Find out when an Orienteering class is presented July 14 to two age groups: 7 – 12 years from 9 – 10 am or 13 – 17 years from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Learn basic survival skills while using a geographic map and compass, and search for treasure.

Celebrate the new trail looping the Wylie Municipal Complex by taking part in the Family Bike Parade at 6:30 p.m. July 16. Grab your streamers and bicycle; we'll outfit your bike with '80s swag, like playing cards for your spokes, but it's up to you to rock your own '80s attire.

On July 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., kids ages 9 and up can play Archery Tag, combining the excitement of dodgeball and paintball with the intensity of archery, using foam-tipped arrows.

Grab your friends on July 24 and head for the rec center for a mondo full-gym version of Hungry Hungry Hippos! Bring your own team or join one there and compete for the Most Bombdignity in Wylie. From 5 – 6:30 p.m., for age 7 and up. Rec center pass required.

It's wheels up on July 25, starting with a Learn to Skateboard class at Joel Scott Memorial Park, 424 Westgate Way, from 10:30 am – noon. Bring your own skateboard and helmet; long board recommended.

Registration is required, and it's for kids age 4 and up. From 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., it's the Wylie Rollerama, inside the gym. Bring your roller or inline skates and take part in slow skates, couples skates, limbo contests, red light, green light competition, freeze skate and more. Groove to the DJ's tunes and wear your best '80s wild socks, leg warmers, and spandex – sweat bands and wrist bands for sale, along with refreshments. The Rollerama is for the whole family; kids 4 – 6 should be accompanied by an adult.

Seniors are in on the act

The Wylie Senior Recreation Center, 800 Thomas St., is celebrating July too! These events are for age 55 and up.

On July 6, 13, 20 and 17, enter the Manic Mondays Karaoke Contest from 1 – 3 p.m. Popcorn and pizza are provided for the Time Warp Theatre Tuesdays in July from 10 am – 2 p.m., when '80s classic films will be shown. Glam up your wardrobe with '80s bling; make easy '80s craft projects from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Test your knowledge of the decade's pop culture; play '80s Trivia July 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11 – 11:30 am. On July 24, from 10 am – 2 p.m., win prizes in the Where's Waldo? scavenger hunt. Take a chill pill and enjoy a free slush drink on Freezer Fridays all month long, from 10 am – 1 p.m. or until supplies last.

"So dudes! Tight roll your acid-washed jeans and spray your bangs straight up," Sacco said. "It's the 1980s all month long, and we are ready for a most excellent time! But, like ... no duh!" •

